

# RUMORS

An Editorial

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These are times that test the metal of personal friendships and community loyalty. Scandal mongers and rumor spreaders are giving circulation to harmful and erroneous gossip about this institution and that individual. They care not, — these gossips, — whether their nefarious statements have the slightest inkling of truth; and in many cases, the thoughtless persons who pass on harmful chatter have ample information at hand to deny the truth of their own idle gossip.

Within the past week, I have heard damaging statements about a dozen sound and credible institutions in Torrance, all of which statements I know to be absolutely false. It is impossible to trace the source of the untruthful accusations, as the deft rumor spreader covers up his remarks by saying, "I hear so and so."

There is nothing to fear for the future of Torrance, if the sound-thinking, sober-minded citizens of this community will but take the time to give the confidence that they have in this city and its institutions.

But let us go still farther. Let us do still more.

If your investment and my investment in our homes is to increase in value, we must together and wholeheartedly support our business firms. A good shopping district builds a bigger city, and the larger a city grows, the more valuable becomes all property within its boundaries, both residential and business property.

You would not live in a town that had no retail stores. In fact there would be no town without stores. You would not like to live in a community that did not have an up-to-date theatre, modern banks, good food markets, clothing, furniture, drug and hardware stores. And neither would anyone else. Torrance stores will grow and enhance the value of your property just so much as you patronize them. They will better their services in the same proportion that you increase your trade. Swat the idle gossip, — yes; but do still more! Before you spend your money helping to build up other communities, look and see if Torrance merchants cannot give you as good values and as satisfactory service. It costs nothing to look, and you may be agreeably surprised.

I noticed an editorial in the Los Angeles Times Tuesday that maybe you missed. It seems appropriate to repeat it here:

**A SOUND BANK SYSTEM**  
"Every day adds to the evidence that faith in our banking system is being restored to those timorous people who only a few months ago were hoarding their money in safe-deposit vaults and other places where it drew no interest and only made a bad condition worse."

"The issue of the Bankers' Monthly sets out that there is a bank for every 6173 people, compared with one for every 9808 in 1890, that only 2 per cent of total bank resources are tied up in closed banks, that there is a promised recovery for depositors of \$1,325,000,000 and that in 1931 more banks were reopened and new ones started than in 1930."

"It is further stated that 85 per cent of the deposits of all 'failed' national banks since the beginning of the system have been recovered and almost as large a percentage of the deposits of all 'failed' state banks. This in itself shows how little there is to fear from the operations of our banking system and should add to the encouragement inspired by the summary made by the undoubted authority just quoted."

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## "THE COLLEGE FLAPPER" A LAUGH RIOT

Torrance is Hollywood's newest rival, if one may judge from the amazing list of talented players who are going to take part in the great collegiate comedy, "The College Flapper," at the high school auditorium on next Thursday and Friday nights, February 18 and 19. The comedy is being given under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary. The curtain rises at 8:15 promptly.

Over two hundred local people take part in this production, which is an up-to-date story of modern college life with a thrilling football story thrown in for good measure. Musical and dance specialties complete an interesting program.

The plot centers around Jerry Watson, played by Jack Gill, the star football player of Bulu Bulu College, who gets caught in a sorority house when he should have been at a special football workout. When he sees Monk, the trainer, played by "Spud" Murphy, coming toward the sorority house he dresses in the absent house mother's clothing in order to escape. Of course, he is caught in the outfit and mistaken for the real housemother. Complications then set in and the fun begins.

Jerry's sweetheart, Jean, played by Maxine Smith, gets angry when the false housemother makes love to Mary, the sorority president, played by Dorothy Carson, and Nellie, a little freshman girl, played by Virginia Scott. Old Professor Gaddis, an eccentric old bachelor, played by "Pat" Patterson, falls for the wiles of the "old lady," as does the "old man," played by the Big Butter and Egg Man—from Omaha—played by Bronson C. Buxton.

Walter Schlick, as George, a fraternity brother of Jerry's, aids supports the leading man in his antics but spends most of his time trying to get Jerry out of the disguise so that he may play in the championship game.

Dr. Senore, the college president, and his wife, played by Col. Jamieson and Phyllis Budge respectively, add dignity to the occasion and the two freshmen, Brick and Bill, played by Clinton Thaxter and Rex Alearn, add comedy to the plot. Mrs. Karmes Dolley, an old maid, Dean Howard, has been in love with Prof. Gaddis for 30 years and finally wins him at the close of the show, so it all ends very happily, especially when the Butter and Egg Man caps the climax by donating half a million dollars to the college for a new football stadium.

Perhaps the hit of the show will be the famous "Flapper Chorus" made up of the most popular "figures" in Torrance, business and professional world. These prominent men will portray collegiate femininity and how!

Another special feature is the Alumni Glee Club which opens the show with a bang, singing old times that everyone loves and so good are they as they indulge in these collegiate warblings that they even outshine themselves.

In addition to all this there is a clever chorus of pretty girls who know how to sing and dance. As a curtain riser a baby pageant will be presented, using a large group of local kiddies with a special dramatic reader.

"The College Flapper" is being played all over the United States and Canada with unusual results every where.

The prices will be extremely popular and all seats will be on reserve. The reserved seats also opens Wednesday morning, Feb. 17, at 11:00 o'clock at the Dolley Drug Co.

Those in charge are most enthusiastic over the whole affair and the Legion Auxiliary promises the public a rare treat in an evening of real fun and entertainment. The proceeds are to be used for much needed welfare work.



The Dancing Girl, Judge C. T. Rippey; The Studious Girl, W. Rufus Page; The Sorority President, Mayor John Dennis; The Perfect 36, City Attorney Don Findley.

## Begin Work On Final Link In Harbor Artery

Peck Construction Company Due to Start Today On Paving

Work on the completion of the last link in the Vermont-Normandie highway connection from Los Angeles to the harbor started today according to an announcement by the Peck Construction Company to which the contract for finishing this 4-mile stretch of paving was awarded recently.

Equipment was moved to the territory with a crew of a dozen men who will start the work. This force will eventually be increased as the work progresses. The paving job must be finished by July 1 under the terms of the contract. Paving 30 feet wide will be laid on a right-of-way of 100 feet for the four miles which remain to be paved on both highways to complete them to Anaheim road, whence they will enter San Pedro over North Gaffey street. Vermont joins Normandie a short distance north of its intersection with Gaffey street at Anaheim.

A viaduct over which Vermont will be built will be joined with North Gaffey street at Anaheim boulevard will be under construction soon. The bridge's financing is provided in an agreement of city, county and the Pacific Electric Railway company to pay for it and which contract is for this, it will also call for completion before July 1.

## OBTAINS DEED FOR WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA

Ellinwood Interests Consent to Improvement of Major Highway Through City

**LATE BULLETIN:** Deeds for Sepulveda boulevard right-of-way were delivered to the city of Torrance this morning by Dr. G. del Amo, as well as to the triangular park at the southwest corner of del Amo property and Redondo Beach. In transmitting the deeds to City Engineer Leonard, Dr. del Amo stated that he was glad to cooperate in obtaining improvements for the development of Torrance.

City Engineer Leonard stated that he believed the Sepulveda boulevard project would be ready for the county to begin work in two weeks.

Prospects for the early completion of Sepulveda boulevard through Torrance loomed brighter and brighter this week since the return of City Engineer Frank Leonard from his trip to San Francisco where he conferred with Dr. L. M. Ellinwood of the Ellinwood Estates regarding deeds to the right-of-way along this proposed highway.

Mr. Leonard left Torrance on Tuesday of last week and arrived home on Thursday with Dr. Ellinwood's agreement in his possession. At a meeting of the city council held Saturday to consider the Ellinwood proposal, a resolution to accept it was adopted. The resolution states that Dr. Ellinwood proposed to deed the necessary land through the Ellinwood Estates for the proposed highway as shown on the plan drawn up for this improvement, provided, that the city should not record the deed until certain improvements are made as set forth in a letter to the city council under date of January 29, 1932, signed by George W. Jones, county road commissioner, and Supervisor John R. Quinn. The resolution further states that no vacation of any portion of the 25-foot strip of land deeded for road purposes should be made except on petition of the executors or trustees of the Ellinwood Estates or by Dr. Ellinwood, Torrance Blvd.

Mr. Leonard obtained a further concession from the del Amo interests in the deeding of land necessary to open and widen Torrance boulevard from its intersection with Madrona avenue west. It is planned to widen this highway to the Redondo city limits, making it a double roadway boulevard on the beach cities on the west coast.

Future activities of Troop 3 will include their fifth annual snow trip. On February 20, about 20 boys of this organization under the leadership of their scoutmaster will go to Jackson Lakes at Big Pines, to spend Saturday and Sunday. Winter sports will be the order of business.

On February 25 this troop is putting on an oratorical contest, "Why I Believe in Scouting" is the topic. A silver medal will be awarded to the winner. This is the first contest of its kind to be sponsored by the troop, and Scoutmaster Lewellen hopes to make it an annual affair.

## Two Tots Left Without Mother

Mrs. W. J. Moreland, Sister of Mrs. Deininger, Passes

Many hearts were saddened in Torrance this week by the untimely passing of a young mother, Mrs. W. J. Moreland, of Sonoma avenue and sister of Mrs. R. J. Deininger. And two little tots, Jimmie, age 14 months, and Roland, two weeks old, are left to grow up without the endearing love of a gentle mother.

Prior to little Roland's birth, his mother, who was only 26 years old, suffered an attack of influenza. After the baby arrived, complications developed and finally double pneumonia set in. Her weakened heart faltered, then was stilled forever. Mrs. Moreland died at midnight, Sunday, February 7.

Mrs. Moreland was Henrietta Lylike, came to Torrance just a short time ago, but in these few months she and her husband had made a great many friends in this city. Mr. Moreland is a lighting specialist with the Southern California Edison Company.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Santa Ana, which is the home of the deceased's parents. Interment took place at Melrose Abbey, Santa Ana. Besides her husband and two sons, Mrs. Moreland leaves her parents, four sisters and three brothers.

## Baby Clinic Will Be Held In March

Russell Watkins, Sumner Sweet and Mary Jean Ott were the three newcomers to the Mothers' Educational Center held at the Woman's clubhouse, Friday, February 5. Nineteen other babies welcomed the first arrivals and all were looked over by the physician in charge and advice on their care given to the mothers attending. The meeting of the Center will be held as usual in March. After that time an announcement of the plans for the clinic will be made.

## Homemakers' Bureau And Herald Announce School In Cooking, March 2-3-4

With its main objective to help homemakers of Torrance and neighboring communities find new ways of preparing the same old three-meals-a-day, and solve other household problems, as well as the Safeway Homemakers Bureau in conjunction with The Torrance Herald launches a three-day cooking school in Torrance.



Miss B. Edna Galvin

The sessions which begin March 2 will continue through March 3 and 4, from 2 to 4 o'clock each afternoon in the Women's clubhouse.

Miss B. Edna Galvin, well-known western home economist, will be in charge of the school which has been planned to include many unusual features of particular interest to women.

According to Miss Galvin, member of the staff of the Safeway Homemakers' Bureau which functions under the national direction of Mrs. Julia Lee Wright, this bureau is the only organization of its kind in the west, and its purpose is to gather and distribute new ideas on homemaking, not only to Safeway Store patrons, but to all women in the community who are interested in managing homes. Miss Galvin, representing the Bureau, invites all interested persons to write in for free information on any household problem. Each request is answered with the up-to-the-minute information which she declares makes the Bureau so essential to enthusiastic homemakers.

Many novel features have been planned for the cooking school and Miss Galvin has arranged her programs to cover the principal phases of meal-planning and preparation, entertaining within the home budget, and other problems of serious importance to the homemaker.

In announcing the selection of Miss B. Edna Galvin to conduct the school here, Mrs. Julia Lee Wright, national director of the Homemakers' Bureau, declares that she is a lecturer of wide experience with a fund of new methods.

Her recipes soundly practical and her advice on marketing and expenditures is based on first-hand experience. In addition to her practical equipment, Miss Galvin possesses a charming personality.

## 3 DEFENDANTS ARE FREED OF GRAVE CHARGE

Preliminary Hearing In Justice Court Ends In Motion to Dismiss

On motion of Deputy District Attorney Tom Menzies, who appeared for the people in the case brought into the justice court here Monday, in which Gray M. Skidmore, T. H. Clements and E. J. Hancock, were defendants, the charges of grand theft and obtaining property under false pretense alleged against the three men were dismissed.

The case was called for preliminary hearing before Judge John Dennis at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Skidmore and Clements were represented by Attorney Herbert Gamah, assisted by Attorney G. W. Myers. Hancock had as counsel, Attorney Gordon Lawson.

On motion of the deputy district attorney the charges of grand theft and obtaining property on false pretense were consolidated. Several witnesses were examined and Page 2

## Scout Troop Will Welcome Old Members

First Annual Homecoming to Be Held at Scout Hall Friday Night

Scoutmaster Robert Lewellen of Boy Scout Troop 3 has planned a "homecoming" meeting for his organization to be held at Scout hall on Carson street Friday evening, February 12. To this meeting all Scouts, both present and former members of Troop 3, are invited. Especially is the invitation extended to the ex-members of the Scouts, as this affair is intended to be a good fellowship meeting such as is implied in the descriptive title "homecoming."

The meeting is part of the program of observation of the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Scout movement in the United States. On Sunday, February 7, Troop 3 attended divine services at two local churches. Tomorrow night the boys will put on a program for their ex-members and any other interested persons who attend. Following the Scout program the mothers of the Troop boys will give a party.

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## Elect Smith President of Hospital Board

R. R. Smith, member of the board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Association, was elected president of the board at the annual meeting held at the Nurses' Home at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Other officers chosen for the ensuing year were Don Findley, secretary; George W. Neill, treasurer; Mrs. Jured Sidney, Torrance, and Mrs. White M. Brooks, re-elected directors and Bert W. Lanz, elected director replacing Bryan Welch, who retired from membership on the board at the expiration of his term.

## Drum Corps Will Enter Parade at Nat. Orange Show

The American Legion drum corps of Torrance will be one of ten or more similar organizations to appear at the National Orange show, held at San Bernardino, February 18 to 25. The drum corps will be a part of the entertainment for Sunday the 23rd, the closing day of the show, and will take part in a parade and exhibition drill on Sunday afternoon.

## Eyeball Cut, May Lose Sight

John Conrad, 2131 257th street, Harbor City, was badly cut about the face Tuesday night when his car was wrecked in an accident in Los Angeles. Mr. Conrad was given first aid at the Georgia street hospital, and early Wednesday morning entered the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for surgical attention. His most serious injury was a gashed eyeball, cut by flying glass. Doubts are entertained as to whether the sight of the eye will be saved.

## FREE TICKETS TO TORRANCE THEATRE

Turn to page 2-B and see if you can find your name. If you can, you will be given two tickets to the Torrance Theatre. Eight free admissions will be given away each week. Look carefully each week for this special feature page.

## THALLIUM USE SPELLS DANGER FOR HUNTERS

Poison Bait Spread in Palos Verdes Hills Menace to Local Game Seekers

Hunters who violate the law by frequenting the Palos Verdes hills in search of game may find themselves in far more serious danger than the mere flouting of the law will bring, should they be successful in their hunt and make a meal of their catch. Authorities who are familiar with the results of thallium, slow deadly poison, have issued the warning that the effects of the drug may be communicated to human beings through eating wild game or domestic fowls that have had even a small dose of the poison.

For years past, it is stated, the county has made use of thallium in the work of exterminating TURN TO STORY 2 Page 5

## Redondo Man Dies of Wound

Oliver Chadwick, age 62, residing at 214 No. Broadway, Redondo Beach, was brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital shortly after 10 a. m. Tuesday suffering from a gunshot wound, said to be self-inflicted. Mr. Chadwick had been dependent over ill health and shot himself below the heart. He died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. The body has been taken to a Redondo mortuary.

## HAMILTON FUNERAL

Funeral services for Andrew C. Hamilton, who died at his home, 1669 220th street, early today, will be held at Stone and Myer's chapel Saturday, at 2:00 p. m.

## Spud's Garage Out of Bounds For Visitors

Ting-a-ling-ling!  
"A startled voice over the telephone hailed "Spud" Stuppley yesterday afternoon: "Hey, Spud, come over to the freight office right away and get this here box that came for you just now. We don't want anything more to do with it. Hurry, will you?"

"Spud" rushed madly over to the office and inspected his unexpected gift. Something that sounded like 25 or 30 alarm clocks was going off inside the box. "Spud" put an eye to a tiny crack, and jerked back. "Gosh," he said, "they're as big as mules, and that one bird, say, he's mean. I'm telling you."

## Petty Thieves Active In City

Fred Damuth, residing on Hawthorne boulevard near Walteria, reported to Torrance police that 27 chickens had been stolen from his premises some time during Friday night. The sheriff's farm detail was notified and investigated the affair.

## COUNTY GETS BIG SHARE

When the big melon amounting to \$6,688.92 was cut by the Department of Motor Vehicles recently, Los Angeles county received as its share \$1,362,240. The money, derived from license fees paid in 1931, is to be spent on maintenance and building of highways.

## RAINFALL

Torrance: For the seven-day period ending Wednesday, February 10, 2 inches; total for the season, 13.26 inches. Last year's total to the same date, 6.06 inches. Lomita: For the 24-hour period ending Wednesday, February 10, 14.12 inches; total for the season, 17 years.